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OpenAIRE AI Service

Multi-Platform Setup Guide

AI access to 140M+ scientific publications

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What is the OpenAIRE MCP?

The OpenAIRE AI Service gives any AI app instant access (through MCP) to over **140 million scientific publications**, 18 million datasets, and 3 million software records from OpenAIRE's open science infrastructure. Your AI agent queries a curated, citation-rich scientific knowledge base directly — in seconds.

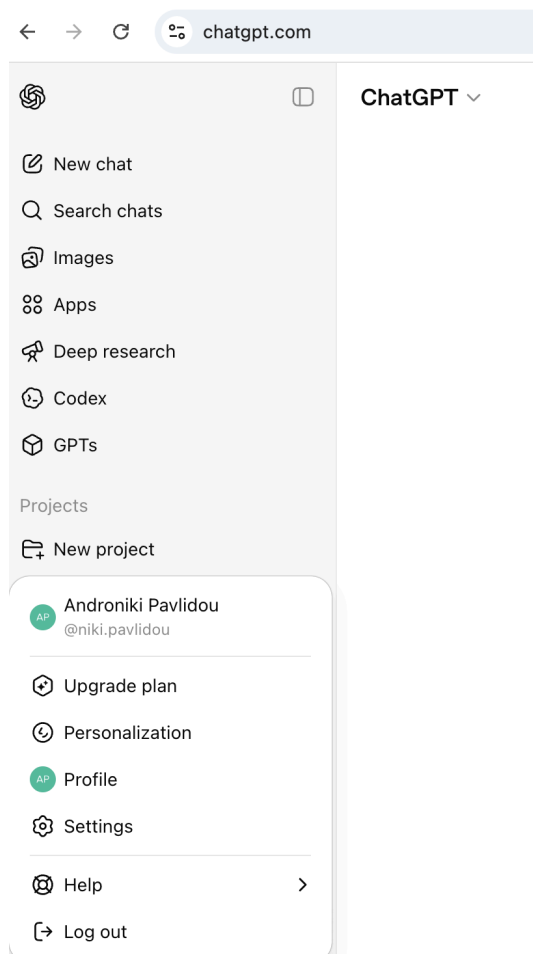
MCP Server URL: <https://openaire.mcp.alien.club/mcp>

Our web application is available for instant testing here:
<https://demo.alien.club/openaire>

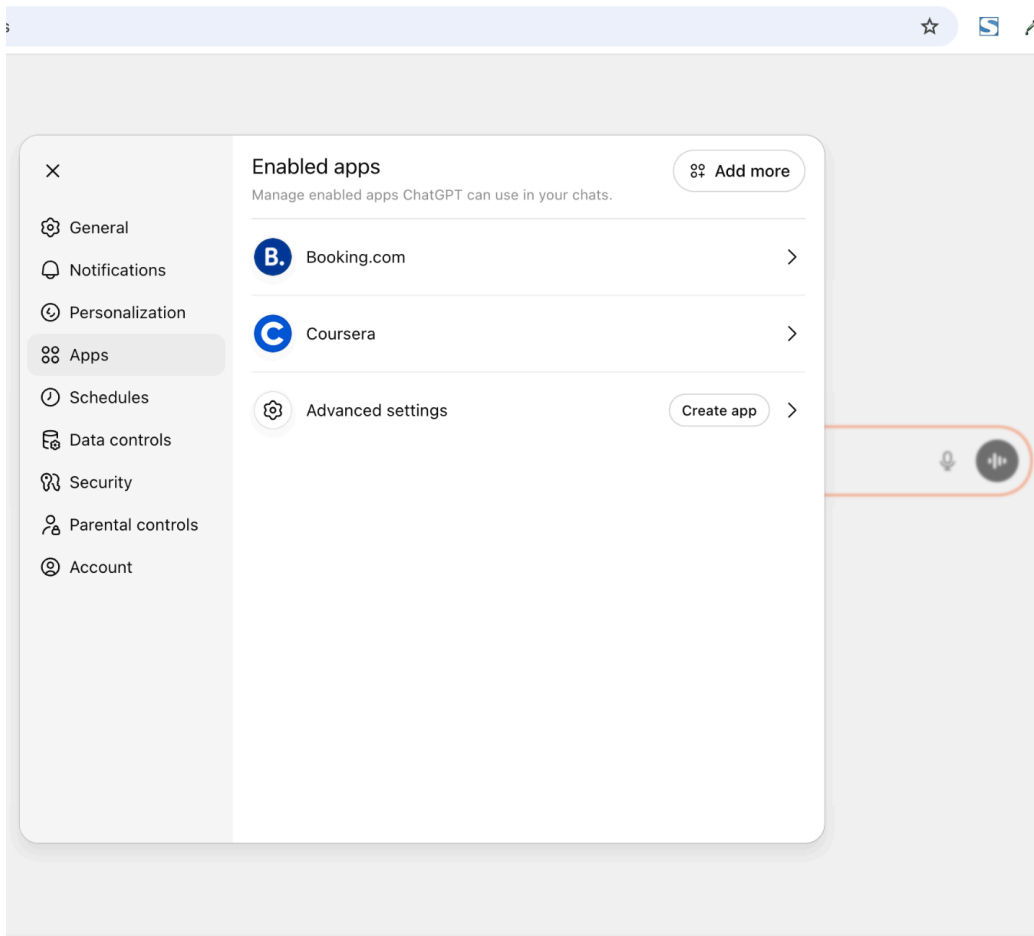
Setup in ChatGPT

Note: Requires ChatGPT Pro, Team, Enterprise, or Edu plan with Developer Mode enabled.

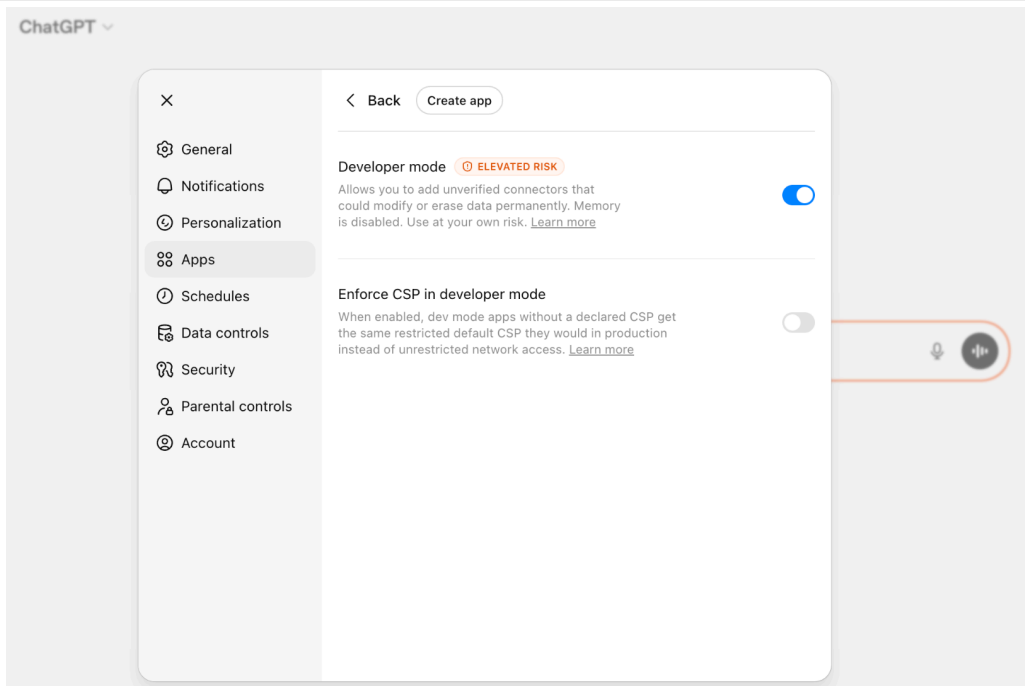
1. Open chatgpt.com and sign in
2. Click your **profile icon** (bottom-left) → **Settings**



3. In the left sidebar, select **Apps & Connectors** (or **Developer** section)



4. Click on **Advanced settings** and Toggle **Developer Mode** to **On** if not already active



5. Add a new App

Select the top right button “Add more”

Click + **Add new connector** (or **Add MCP Server**)

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⚙️ General

🔔 Notifications

🕒 Personalization

📱 Apps

🕒 Schedules

🔒 Data controls

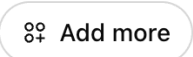
🔒 Security


👤 Parental controls


👤 Account


Enabled apps

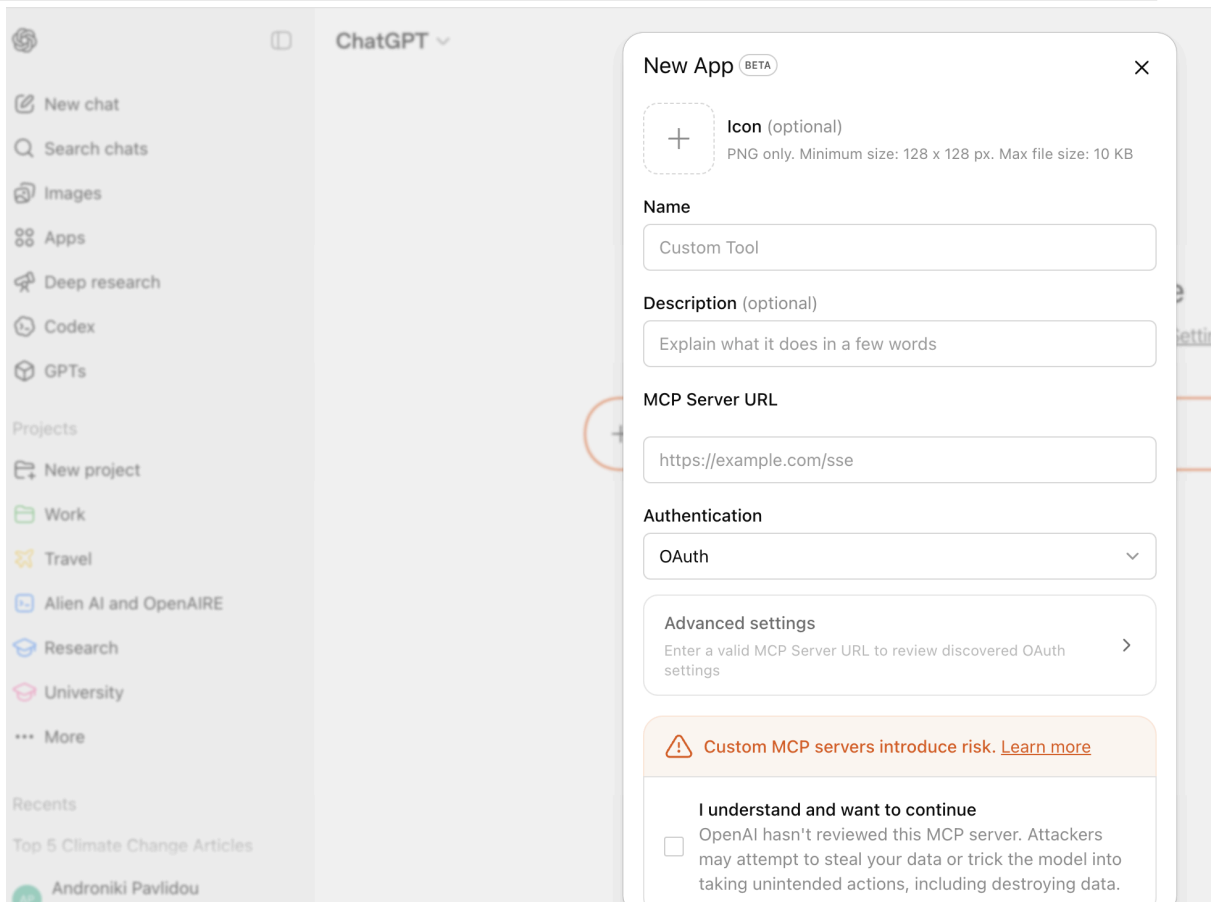
Manage enabled apps ChatGPT can use in your chats.

 Add more

 Booking.com >


 Coursera >

 Advanced settings >



6. Name the App and set it up

New App BETA ✕

 **Icon (optional)**
PNG only. Minimum size: 128 x 128 px. Max file size: 10 KB

Name

Description (optional)


MCP Server URL

Authentication

OAuth ▾

Advanced settings ➤

Review discovered OAuth settings, or enter them manually, then choose a client setup method and configure default scopes

 **Custom MCP servers introduce risk.** [Learn more](#)

I understand and want to continue

OpenAI hasn't reviewed this MCP server. Attackers may attempt to steal your data or trick the model into taking unintended actions, including destroying data.

Enter the **MCP server URL**: <https://openaire.mcp.alien.club/mcp>

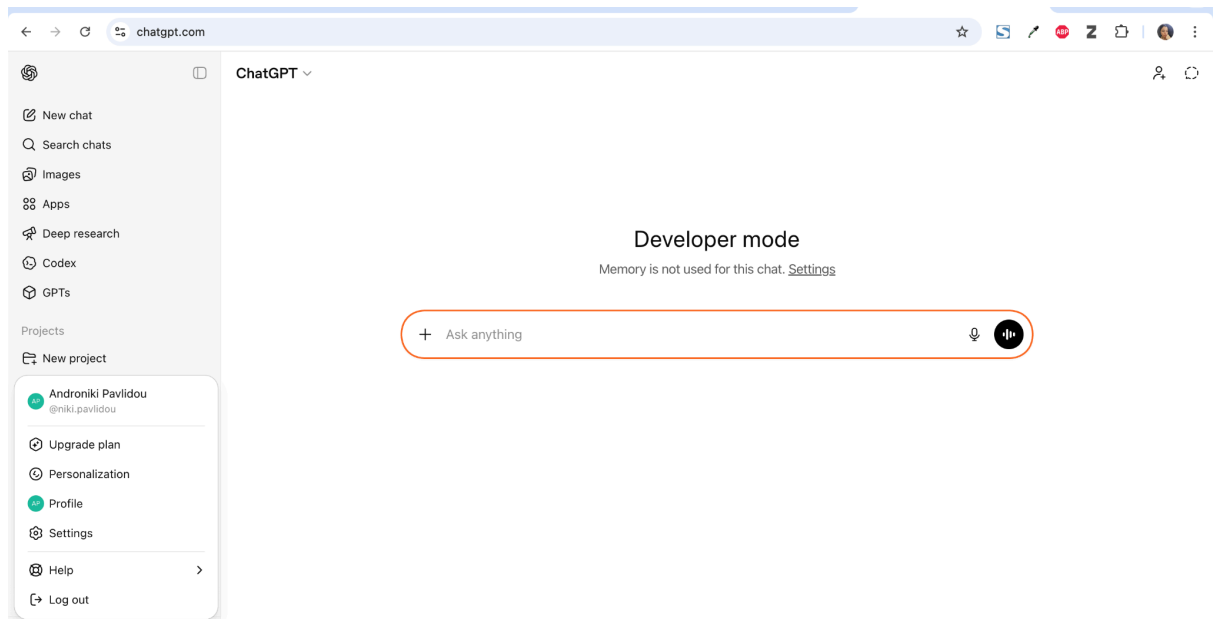
Note: At this stage, the app is on developer mode, therefore you won't see an available logo. You can leave it as it is with no image.

8. Complete the **authentication prompt**: create a free account on our (Alien club) platform

A new page will open redirecting to the Alien club website. Create an account and login. Then you will be directed back to ChatGPT.

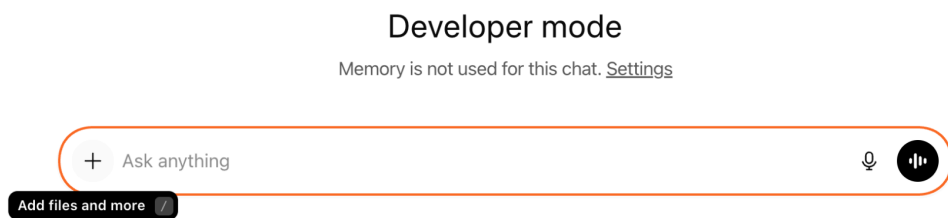
9. Click **Save**. The OpenAIRE tools will now appear in your chat.

The prompt design frame on ChatGPT will now be orange colored and a dev mode indicates you are using the new app. To make sure you are using the new app, select it as shown below.



Click on "+" icon in the prompt and select the "Add files and more" option..

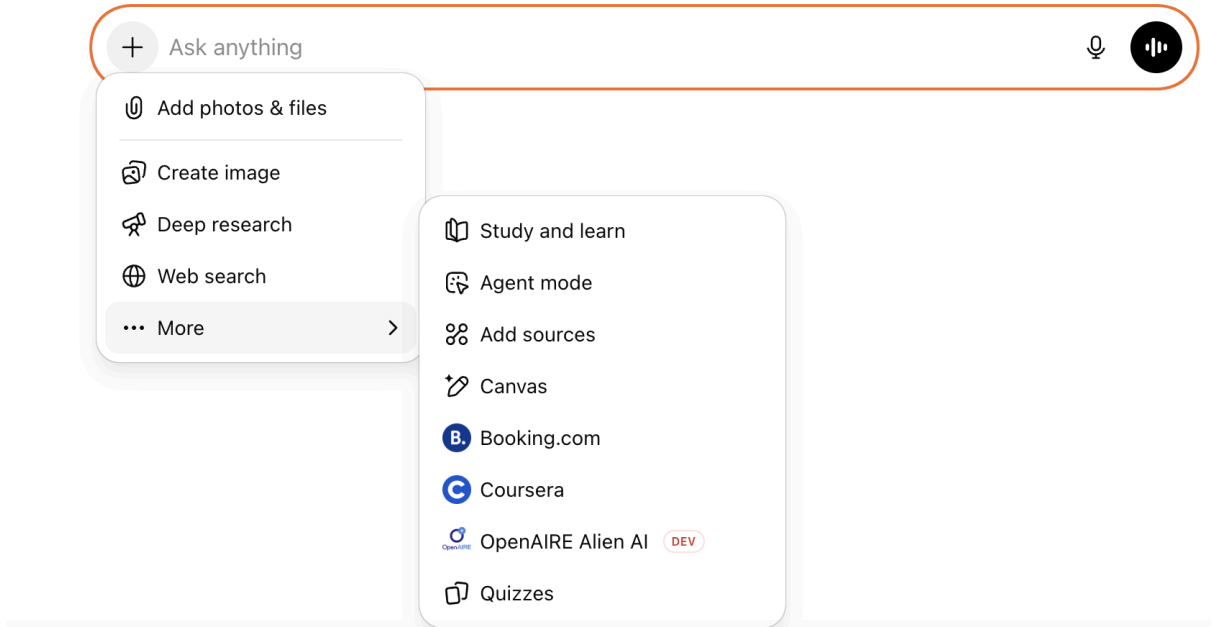
ChatGPT ▾



Browse through the options and under more, you will find the new app installed (as you named it).

Developer mode

Memory is not used for this chat. [Settings](#)



Select the new app and then it will appear inside the prompt frame. Now, your requests will use the app. ENJOY!

ChatGPT ▾

Developer mode

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Setup in Claude Desktop

Note: Requires Claude Pro, Max, Team, or Enterprise plan.

Option A: Built-in Connectors (simplest)

1. Open the **Claude Desktop** app
2. Go to **Settings** (gear icon or Claude menu → Settings)
3. Navigate to the **Connectors** section
4. Click **Add Connector** or **+ Add**
5. Enter the MCP server URL: `https://openaire.mcp.alien.club/mcp`
6. Authenticate when prompted, then click **Save**

Setup in Mistral Le Chat

1. Open chat.mistral.ai and sign in
2. Click the **navigation menu** (top-left) → select **Intelligence**
3. Go to the **Connectors** tab
4. Click **+ Add Connector** → select **Custom MCP Connector**
5. Enter a name (e.g. `OpenAIRE`) and the server URL:
`https://openaire.mcp.alien.club/mcp`
6. Complete authentication, then click **Save**
7. In any chat, type `/OpenAIRE` to activate the connector tools

Setup in Google Gemini

Note: The Gemini web app (gemini.google.com) does not yet support custom MCP connectors. MCP is currently available in Gemini CLI, Android Studio, and Firebase Studio.

We recommend using one of the other platforms listed above to access the OpenAIRE MCP. We will update this guide as Gemini web app support becomes available and once we have published Gemini Apps that embed native access to OpenAIRE.

Setup in Claude Code (CLI)

For developers using Claude Code in the terminal:

1. Run the following command:

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claude mcp add --transport http openaire
https://openaire.mcp.alien.club/mcp
```

2. Follow the authentication prompt to create a free account on our platform

Example Prompt

Using the OpenAIRE MCP, find the 10 most-cited papers on [your topic] from the last 5 years. For each paper, note the lead institution, citation count, and key research findings.

Coming Soon - Plugins & Apps

We are currently preparing “Open Science” plugins and apps for major AI apps and platforms. These will be made available on a regular basis, as soon as they are ready, with additional instructions.

An **Open Science Plugin** packaging this MCP with a prompting guide for best-quality results, Python scripts for advanced capabilities and access to full-text open access articles is already available here:

We are also launching Legal data and French national archives (BnF/Gallica) connectors in the coming weeks.

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